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Death of children due to dysentery in Mavilai and Makreri villages of Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

11-50 a.m. * 1180 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that more than 100 children and many persons died of dysentery in Mavilai and Makreri villages of Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, in the year 1953; and

(*b*) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government in the matter especially with regard to small children?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No Sir. Only nine children and one adult died of dysentery in the two villages in 1953.

" (*b*) The health staff visited the villages and instituted preventive measures such as disinfection of houses and materials, chlorination of water sources and distribution of sulphaguanidine and multivitamin tablets among children and others."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have taken any permanent measures to prevent the outbreak of dysentery and other like diseases in that particular area? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Dystentery and diarrhœa we have in ever so many places. Malabar comes prominently into the picture because the Malabar Members are very vocal."

Metalling of the Velanganni-Vedaranyam road in Tanjore district.

* 1181 *Q.*—Sri N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the road along the coast of Velanganni and Vedaranyam in Tanjore district has been ordered to be metalled; and

(*b*) if so, when the work will be started?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The Government sanctioned the execution of the work of metalling that reach of the road running from Velanganni to Vettaikaraniruppu in Tanjore district as a low scale famine relief work. However, only a limited extent of 3 or 5 miles has been ordered to be taken up first and if it was found to be successful in attracting labour then the entire extent will be taken up.

" (*b*) The work will be started as soon as adequate labour becomes available."

Sri N. SIVARAJ :—"தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள திருத்துரைப்பூண்டி, நாகப்பட்டிணம் தாலூகாக்களிலுள்ள கடற்கரைப் பிரதேசத்திலிருக்கும் கிராமமக்கள் போக்குவரத்து வசதியின்றி ரொம்பவும் கஷ்டப்படுவதால் சீக்கிரம் இந்த ரோடைப்போடும் யோசனை சர்க்காருக்கு இருக்கிறதா ? "